

RETURN VISIT OF INFLUENZA IMMINENT

Recent Mild Weather Has
Been Breeder of the Disease.
158 Cases Reported.

The influenza epidemic is again rampant in this city and yesterday physicians in this city alone reported 159 cases to the board of health. Some physicians have not been exceptionally prompt in reporting their cases and it may be that it just happened that an unusually large number of cases were reported yesterday. Nevertheless the health authorities are anxious to have the cooperation of the public in fighting the malady. Up to this week it was believed that the disease was virtually stamped out in this city.

Weather conditions early in the week are believed to have had something to do with the increased number of cases. Ninety-four were reported on Monday and seventy-two yesterday. When yesterday's cases were tallied, the result was a shock to the authorities. The total number yesterday all but reached the highest number reported for a single day during the height of the epidemic.

Children appear to be more susceptible now than during the epidemic and the list includes many youngsters between the ages of seven and thirteen. While present conditions do not warrant a general quarantine, it is intimated that the schools may again be closed. Parents are urged to keep the youngsters in the open as much as possible.

Reports from rural communities indicate that there are a number of spots in the county where the epidemic is now at its height. In several sections it is claimed that half the population is ill. However, in the boroughs up the valley no material increase in the number of cases has been noted.